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Schauer Announces \$453K in Jackson County Road Projects MDOT Begins Jobs Today Transportation Investment

LANSING—The first round of road projects in Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's *Jobs Today* transportation investment program became a reality today as matching grants to local communities from the Michigan Department of Transportation were announced this morning. State Senator Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) announced that Jackson County will receive \$453,432 for four projects.

"The jobs these projects will create will give our economy just the jump we need," said Schauer. "They will generate direct construction jobs, as well as help local businesses attract commerce to the area."

Projects in Jackson County include:

- Reconstructing Morrell Street from Hupp Avenue to Elm Avenue with a new curb and gutter;
- New pavement, creating a concrete curb and cutter, and other repairs to Dettman Road from East Michigan Avenue to Page Avenue in Summit Township;
- New pavement pavement, replacing driveway culverts, removing trees, and improving drainage and ditching on McCain Road from Robins Road to Arbor Hills Road in Summit Township;
- New Pavement and spot curb repair on McDevitt Road from Draper Road to US-127 in Summit Township.

"Investing in better roads and bridges is the right way for the government to be involved in economic development—smart, targeted spending that brings in additional resources," said Schauer.

In May, the House and Senate approved a measure to designate \$80 million in the state's supplemental transportation budget to help county road commissions and local governments meet federal match funding requirements for federal transportation grants. The money will make the state eligible to receive \$320 million in federal funds earmarked for Michigan.

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Mark Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19th Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.